



S/N 09/390,228

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: UNO et al. Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 09/390,228 Group Art Unit: 1773
Filed: September 3, 1999 Docket No.: 10873.274US14
Title: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, PRODUCING
METHOD THEREOF AND METHOD OF
RECORDING/ERASING/REPRODUCING INFORMATION

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 7, 2000.

By: 
Douglas P. Mueller

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent applications, U.S. Serial No. 08/815,301 filed on March 11, 1997 and U.S. Serial No. 09/050,762 filed on March 30, 1998.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

RECEIVED
MAR 15 2000
TO 1700 MAIL ROOM

represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Dated: March 7, 2000



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Mueller", written over a horizontal line.

Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300
MERCHANT & GOULD, P.C.
3100 Norwest Center
90 South Seventh Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
Telephone: (612) 332-5300

RECEIVED
MAR 15 2000
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

DPM/tvm

BEST AVAILABLE COPY